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SUBJ: SYRIA PUBLISHES NAMES OF NEW BAATH PARTY NATIONAL
COMMAND

1. DAMASCUS PRESS AUGUST 4 CARRIED NAMES OF FOLLOWING 17
MEMBERS OF BAATH PARTY NATIONAL COMMAND (BPNC) TOGETHER
WITH IDENTIFICATION IN SOME CASES OF THEIR SPECIAL BPNC
RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. HAFEZ AL-ASAD (SYRIAN), SECRETARY-GENERAL

2. 'ABDULLAH AL-AHMAR (SYRIAN), ASSISTANT SECRETARY-
GENERAL

3. MAHMUD AL-AYYUBI (SYRIAN)

4. MUHAMMAD JABIR BAJBUJ (SYRIAN)

5. GEORGE SADDIQNI (SYRIAN), PRESIDENT, CULTURAL
STUDIES AND PARTY INDOCTRINATION

6. BAQIR YASIN (IRAQI), PRESIDENT, ORGANIZATION AND
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7. 'ABD AL-HALIM KHADDAM (SYRIAN)

8. MUHAMMAD HAYDAR (SYRIAN)

9. FAWWAZ SAYYAGH (PALESTINIAN) (VICE EARLIER REPORTED
SPELLING FAYYAGH), PRESIDENT, FOREIGN RELATIONS

10. ZUHAYR MUHSIN (PALESTINIAN)

11. AHMAD AL-'IZZAWI (IRAQI), PRESIDENT, IRAQI AFFAIRS

12. SAMI AL-ATTARI (PALESTINIAN), PRESIDENT FEDAYEEN AFFAIRS

13. SUHAYL SUKKARIAH (LEBANESE), STUDENT AND NATIONAL
ORGANIZATION

14. FADIL AL-ANSARI (IRAQI), PRESIDENT, PROPAGANDA,
INFORMATION AND PUBLICATIONS

15. NAJI JAMIL (SYRIAN)

16. HASAN AZ ZAHAB (IRAQI)

17. 'ISSAM AL-QADI (PALESTINIA)

2. ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL COMMAND WERE LISTED AS:

1. JAMIL SHAYBA

2. 'ASSIM QANSWAH

3. HASAN 'AJJAJ

4. KAZIM 'ABD AS SATTAR AL-JANNABI

5. MAHMUD HASAN AL-'ANI

6. MUHAMMAD KHALIFAH

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7. NASH'AT HAMARNAH

8. NUHAMMAD ABU AL-KHAYR

3. ALSO ELECTED TO THE NATIONAL COMMAND "PARTY COURT"
WERE THE FOLLOWING:

1. AHMAD AL-KHATIB

2. YASAR AL-ASKARI (ALSO PRESIDENT OF PEACE
PARTISANS IN SYRIA AND FORMER BPNC PRESIDENT FOR
FOREIGN RELATIONS)

3. RIF'AT AL-ASAD

4. BUSHRA KANAFANI

5. 'ABD AL-WAHHAB NUWAYSAN

4. NUMERICAL PLACING ON LISTS INDICATES RELATIVE SENIORITY
IN PARTY COMMAND BUT DOES NOT APPARENTLY REFLECT TOTAL
VOTES EACH MAY HAVE RECEIVED. ACCORDING ONE REPORT,
SELECTION WAS BY ACCLAMATION OF LIST PRESENTED TO CONGRESS
THROUGH MECHANISM WHICH NOT YET KNOWN TO EMBASSY. IF SO, THIS
PROCEDURE CONTRASTS WITH ELECTIONS LAST MARCH/APRIL OF NEW
REGIONAL (SYRIAN) COMMAND.

5. STATEMENT OF BPNC RE PROCEEDINGS OF 12TH CONGRESS OF
BAATH PARTY BY SEPTEL.

6. COMMENT. LEADERSHIP OF FORMER BPNC GRADUALLY BECAME
KNOWN IN COURSE ITS FOUR YEAR TERM.
WE UNDERSTAND THIS IS FIRST TIME BPNC HAS EVER RELEASED
OVERALL LIST AS OFFICIAL DOCUMENT.
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